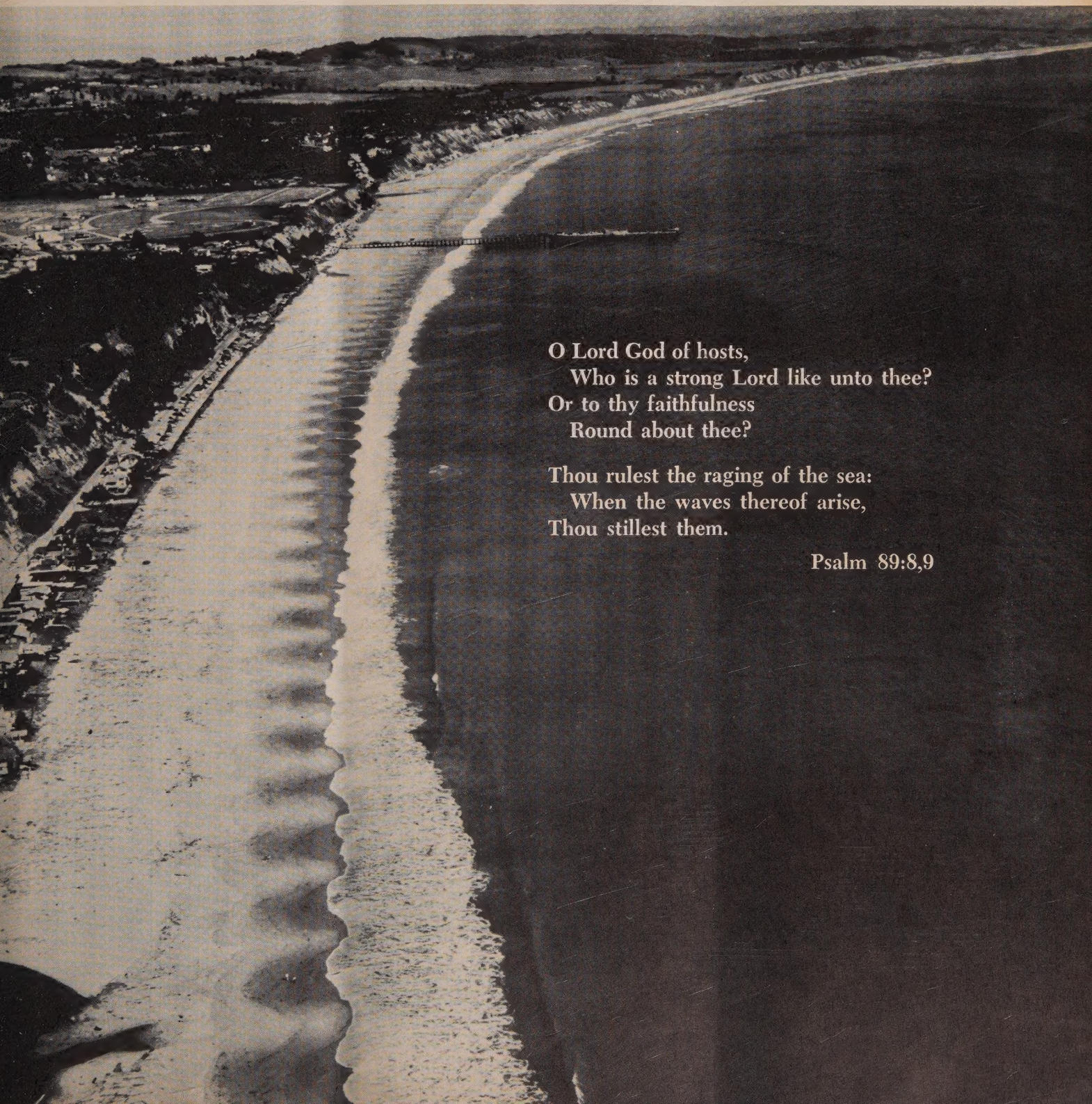


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O Lord God of hosts,
Who is a strong Lord like unto thee?
Or to thy faithfulness
Round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise,
Thou stillest them.

Psalm 89:8,9



The editor at his desk with G. T. student and office secretary, Charlene Battrell at the typewriter.

EDITORIAL

Those of us who minister in the task of publishing *Glad Tidings Magazine* feel that by this means we have a vital part in the work of the Kingdom. We take our task seriously as service unto the Lord, and we trust that by the medium of these pages we may be a blessing to many.

It is our thought that our *Glad Tidings Magazine* serves a two-fold function. On the one hand, it is an organ of our District and it reports the activities and achievements of our Assemblies and ministers. On the other hand, it is a magazine of worthwhile Christian reading with features and articles for all who peruse its pages. Thus we seek to maintain a satisfactory balance between general article and comments, and reports and news of our District.

The present circulation of *Glad Tidings* is a little over 4,000 copies per month. We hope to increase this number before long, for we feel that the more readers we have, the greater our ministry. We feel that much of the material that appears in *Glad Tidings*

is of abiding worth and is worth wide circulation and the broadest possible audience. A subscription to our magazine is not merely an expense, but an investment in one's spiritual life and Christian maturity.

Glad Tidings Magazine is neither the publication of one man nor of one group of men at one place; rather, it is the united voice of our entire Northern California-Nevada Fellowship. We sincerely welcome suggestions, contributions, and reports of all kinds, and we consider most carefully all that we receive.

Each edition of *Glad Tidings* requires scores of hours of labor, and a great deal of prayer, planning, and consultation. We want you to enjoy our publication and we do all we can to make it attractive. Will you not stand with us in prayer in this task? Whatever help otherwise you may be, by remembering us in prayer you can contribute immeasurably to the well being of *Glad Tidings Magazine*.

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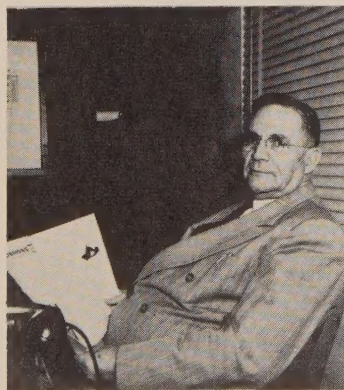
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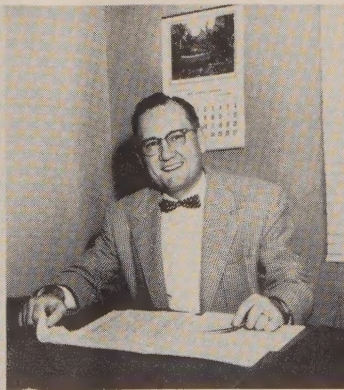
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There is a sense in which . . .

THE PAST IS BEFORE US

by

MARJORIE MADDOCKS SHERMAN

SOMEONE has said that our past is ever before us, that we are the children of our own thoughts, feelings, and deeds. Thoughts bear fruit in action, action in habits, habits in character, and character in destiny. The past is alive in memory and results.

THE BODY REQUIRES THAT WHICH IS PAST

It suffers from lack. Lack of food for too long results in weakness and illness; the body reaps a harvest of pain and poor function. Lack of sleep will present its bill of inefficiency and loss of perception. Any lack will be tolerated for a time, but persistence in such a program will take its inevitable toll.

The body suffers from abuse. Given alcohol, it will do its best to operate in spite of the handicap. Given too much, it will fail in its normal function and leave the person incapacitated for work and normal social demands. And by that time, any spirituality that might have been present in the first place would long since have disappeared. Narcotics have a way of quickly and dramatically showing the results of abuse. In any case, the abuse or accident of yesterday will be reflected in the function of today. And the bill can sometimes be a stiff one, relentlessly evidencing the hardship or the folly of the days that are past.

The mind oftentimes suffers from the memories that have been planted there. Many an habitue of the tavern on the corner is there because he wants to wash away his memories with a kind of liquid served there. Hospitals are full of those who have fallen victim to the emotional stresses and strains that result from unshakable memories. The past insists on being present.

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT WHICH IS PAST

A fugitive from justice cannot offer the law a new leaf though he may have lived a good life for years since the crime for which he is sought. Not infrequently we read in our newspapers of an instance when the past reaches into the present and tags a man for what has been committed in his past. Still greater is the news if

the circumstances are such as to start the wheels of legal mercy rolling and pardon is granted to the victim of his own past. A debtor cannot offer payment of his current bill to any company and leave his old account unsettled. What he has to pay is applied on the old bill, the past arising out of yesterday's obligations demands a settlement.



MARJORIE MADDOCKS SHERMAN, the former editor of Glad Tidings and the author of this splendid article.

Contracts made in the past are to be lived with today. To sign on the dotted line is to commit oneself to the covenant agreed upon. A mortgage contracted yesterday will not let itself be ignored today without disastrous results. An ignored marriage vow of the past will bring heartbreak to the offended one and all kinds of trouble to the one who forgets his yesterdays in irresponsible selfishness and sin of today. The law is forged to keep the proprieties of yesterday valid for today. So the past lives in the circumstances of the present.

GOD REQUIRES THAT WHICH IS PAST

Of Eve He asked (Gen. 3:13), "What is this that thou hast done?" The results of the fall every son and daughter of Adam and Eve live with today. "Wherefore, as by one man

sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12). To the serpent, He declared, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed . . ." And that creature, and his kind, has been crawling on its belly ever since. Every snake that crawls is a reminder of the temptation in the Garden of Eden, that past still slithering through the grass and behind rocks today. To Cain God put the question, "What hast thou done?" (Gen. 4:10). And the first murderer went out to live with the result of his sin, crying, "My punishment is greater than I can bear."

To King Saul, the word of the Prophet Samuel was, "Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee. . . Now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart." (1 Sam 13:13, 14). Further, the prophet told the disobedient king, "Thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel." (1 Sam. 15:26). Judas, having seen his Lord condemned, was so abhorrant of his past, the past of only a few hours, that he refused to live with it, and went out and hanged himself, after returning the thirty pieces of silver.

Every man must face his past. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). That is the diagnosis of God; there it is in the everlasting Scripture. Jesus teaches that every man faces the unexpected when in the future he meets his past. He teaches that what we may look on as little now may loom large when we meet it in the judgment. Read Matthew 25:21-46. To the rewarded, who asked, "When saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" He assuringly replied, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." By the same token, those who had failed to show compassion to the least, in the ordinary run of everyday life, were sent into punishment, because what they thought was unimportant was truly very important, what they thought would go unnoticed became the evidence of what they were within and doomed them for eternity.

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OUR SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

The Report of W. T. Gaston to our 36th District Council

"The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Just to live in His world and share in the work of His everlasting kingdom, is indeed a great mercy. It is a great pleasure to greet the ministers, delegates, and visiting friends in this opening session of the 36th Annual District Council.

Since we are beginning a new year at this point, would it not be well to prayerfully resolve here that by the grace of God and by diligent work we shall make this a banner year for business — the greatest business in the world!

Two well known personalities have been greatly missed about the District headquarters of late. I refer to Brother R. J. Thurmond who served the District long and well in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer and Sister Marjorie Maddocks, the competent Office Secretary and Editor of *Glad Tidings Magazine*. Those years of devoted service to the fellowship by these friends of Christ and this people shall not soon be forgotten.

A brief word concerning the new District Office personnel is in order here. Brother Joseph L. Gerhart has proven his ability to adjust to the new responsibility in a way that is most gratifying. He has never indicated however, that this adjustment was easy nor altogether delightful. With prudence and determination Major Gerhart set himself to the task and I am happy to say here that District Council business is being carried with efficiency and dispatch. It was said of a certain Old Testament character, that "An excellent spirit" was in him. This is true also of your friend and servant, Brother Gerhart.

Our new office secretary is Sister Mildred Anderson. Miss Anderson's coming to us certainly seemed God's answer to prayer. Industrious and capable, she has also the rare qualities of poise and good nature that are so essential in work of this character. Here then is another young woman who is not interested in this or any job for its own sake, but rather in service for Christ's sake.

Most everyone is acquainted by this time with Rev. Leslie T. Holdcroft, the new Editor of *Glad Tidings Magazine*. For some six years now,

he has served the Lord and this fellowship as a full time instructor in Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Now, our quiet but resourceful brother is taking on this added ministry . . . please give him all the support you can in making the Magazine increasingly helpful.

Of course you know already about the illness of our energetic Assistant Superintendent. Brother Haystead has carried more portfolios than any other man in the District office. It



W. T. GASTON, Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God.

was not expected, of course, that any or all of these special assignments would exact more from him than reasonable time and energy. Please believe me, when I say here that neither the work nor his fellow-workers should be considered an intolerable burden. His own deep concern caused him to go beyond his physical resources. I think too, it will help our general understanding relative to this present incapacity to say here that this condition is, without doubt, the aftermath of cumulative strain distributed over an indefinite period of years.

Many of us have learned the hard way that when nature's reserves are exhausted, the way back to physical solvency is painfully slow. Brother Haystead is now taking a forced rest and in the natural course of things it

will be some time before he will carry a normal load again. Of course we know that prayer changes things.

Let me hasten to say here that a very fine physician who is guiding the family in the care of our brother, has assured them and us, that by taking time for quiet rest and then by working in moderation for a time, his future service potential should be practically unimpaired. I am sure you will pray for Brother Haystead and his family and I assure you that his heart is with you and that he is ever praying for you.

Perhaps a word as to the possibility of being helpful to public servants would do our sympathetic hearts good just here. I offer one suggestion, it is this: More ready and more general participation in carrying through projects agreed upon. When we drag our feet, we place a heavy and undue strain upon men saddled with particular responsibility. More consistent voluntary sharing with less necessity for pressure or promotion would prove easy, becoming and successful.

For another year we have been blessed with that generous measure of spiritual unity and pleasant association, that for years has been recognized and appreciated far beyond our borders. For this priceless fellowship of saints, for our generally consistent devotion to a cause that transcends that of individuals or groups, and for our comparative freedom from the disruptive influence of those who would divide or exploit our precious people, we should here and now, render sincere thanks to the God of all grace and here and now, renew our determination to walk together in peace and to strive together for the faith of the Gospel.

A brief preliminary picture of our District finances will be of general interest. We have paid on loans and improvements the sum of \$32,450.70. In addition, interest, taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. have also been paid to date. Ministers' tithes have totalled \$43,726.14. This would indicate that Ministers are suffering a slight depression, since the above figure is more than \$1,000.00 short of last year. No doubt you will agree when I say with plaintive voice, "such things ought not to be." Offerings from churches and individuals for Bethany Park and GTBI, loan retirement, interest, etc., shows a downward spiral from \$14,951.73 in 1952 to \$9,374.75 in '53. Home Missions giving from all sources totalled \$20,726.93. This shows a gain over last year of \$3845.45. Church Extension Fellowship contributions stand at \$3569.23. I should say

here, however, that \$2400.00 of this came from one individual.

You may forgive a word of exhortation here about this latest effort to reach that teeming new areas in our District where the need is great, and where the cost is prohibitive without District-wide cooperation. One year ago we were inspired and challenged when this new approach was first considered on the Council floor. I am confident that there is yet almost universal agreement that this plan should be carried through. Brethren, I still believe we can and will get going this year, but something should be done now, to revive the passion to extend the Full Gospel witness in our cities that are fairly bursting at the seams.

Enthusiasms that come to us here by being exposed to the warm rays of any new challenge, must be carried back to the grass roots of our fellowship, if we would give shape and substance to the vision. There is no evading the obvious fact, that ministers are the link between the vision and the reality. And who wants to be known as the missing link?

I will close my remarks about District finances with a word of encouragement. A few years more and the load will be much lighter and our strength no doubt will be much greater. Our foundations are stable, our assets are increasing, and the work that is being done commends itself to the conscience and intelligence of our people. Let us encourage ourselves and one another and go forward with confidence and unwavering faith.

May I here express the hope that all our ministers, churches, and friends will stand by until the day is done. Words seem so empty when I try to express gratitude that your patience in the hard, cold realities of business has never waned. Our sincere praise to God and our unfeigned thanks to you.

Our assemblies are making steady progress generally. Souls are being saved and added to the church. Believers are being filled with the Spirit and sick people are being healed. My heart has been stirred recently by outstanding miracles in local church services. Sunday School enrollment is up and so is teacher efficiency. Some of our churches are becoming sufficiently prosperous to pull down the old barns and build greater, but, with a far different motive than possessed that certain farmer of antiquity. Enlargement and betterment is going on in too many places to pin-point them in this brief survey. The forward-looking, sacrificial efforts of pastors and congregations, merit the deep-

down respect and understanding appreciation of church-minded people everywhere! There is a definite yearning for God and the old paths and this desire is the most encouraging thing on the horizon of the New Year.

Our Home Missionaries are bravely holding the fort and in some of these difficult places their sacrificial efforts are bearing precious fruit. We are still under the definite challenge to keep the Word and witness in these localities, so long as there are precious souls to be gleaned for the Master. As we turn our attention to the more populous areas in the new extension program, we must not allow ourselves to forget these far-flung outposts of our cooperative responsibility.

HEAVENLY PEARLS

Like Solomon, let us ask for Wisdom,
Given only by the Father above;
Let us seek for the Pearls that are hidden,
In the depths of God's ocean of LOVE.

God's Spirit is the source of all wisdom,
He's the key to the Scriptures we're told;
Let us seek for the Gift of God's Spirit,
As men search for the silver and gold.

God's Love is a gem, of infinite worth,
The Joy of the Lord, is a diadem rare;
His Peach is a neckless of heavenly
PEARLS,

These are the jewels, I cherish with care.

LILLIE BUFFUM.

Taken from the PROVERBS of Solomon.

The Bible Institute remains one of the chief concerns of the District fellowship. Our interest in preparing the youth of today for the responsibilities of tomorrow will continue to be measured by sacrifice. If we are to continue in this phase of Christian service, we must fully understand that some form of consistent support of the Institution is imperative.

Dr. Kessel and Dr. Peirce, the President and Dean respectively, together with the full faculty are doing a good job with some of the very finest of the youth of our day. These youngsters are precious beyond words and all our efforts to help them are fully justified. I am recommending that a special effort be made at this conference to better equip the dormitory buildings in the interest of humanity and efficiency.

I must report to you here that we are soon to lose our Dean of Education. Brother Peirce for some time has been feeling the urge to make a tour of the British Isles and through Europe. He will be leaving us the latter part of March. Dr. Peirce has served the school and the District well and of course it is needless to say, the

students, the faculty, and the District officary will miss him greatly. With all our hearts we say, "The Lord go with you, Bro. and Sister Peirce, and give you the crowning days of a long and fruitful ministry."

Our camp meeting facilities are now the best in our history. Some of you will be surprised and pleased when you come again to the old camp ground this July.

A comparatively inexpensive ceiling to effect easy and complete hearing in the great tabernacle is now being urged by many of those who were most active in the rather extensive improvements made last summer. This, together with a desperately needed storage building must await the general interest of our generous people. The camp is an avenue of service and blessing to all of us, and when we can better serve and better conserve our valuable equipment for this service, it will clearly be in the public interest to move forward. The Lord has enabled us to arrange with special speakers this year who are widely known for their spirit-anointed ministry. Let us pray earnestly and come expectantly.

The facilities in the Mt. Lasson sectional camp are being greatly improved — also at the Redwood Camp near Eureka. These local camps are serving great segments of our people that would not otherwise have the camp meeting opportunity. Let us extend the hand of fellowship clear across the sprawling reaches of our District, and rally about every effort to plant and water the Gospel seed. Truly God will give the increase. All this camp program, working harmoniously and with a single purpose, will do much to enlarge and clarify spiritual vision, and to establish our people more firmly upon the Council principles of unity and cooperation.

A brief word to acknowledge the good work of our Women's Missionary Council under the leadership of Sister Goldia Anderson, our C. A. group with Brother Ray Lockwood at the helm, and our Sunday School program, sponsored by Brother L. W. Suter. All these groups, and I should include the Men's Fellowship here, are doing yeoman's service in their special fields. May we conspire together here to foster this good work everywhere, and to strengthen the hands of the good leaders who are working so devotedly to promote the interests so dear to us all.

It is my considered opinion that a realistic appraisal of our work to date by those competent to judge, would reveal that we are doing well in gen-

Superintendent's Message

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eral, but in some particulars we should be doing better. The field of Church government and administration might be cited as one calling for attention. Authority in the Church might be likened to the skeleton in the human body. It is not a thing of beauty and should never call attention to itself. Yet, without this rather rigid shape of things, the more comely parts of the body would soon lose their attractive symmetry, and also their ability to function harmoniously together.

Revolutionary revival movements may begin and progress for a time without seeming to recognize any authority other than the Bible itself. Indeed, the very idea may be spurned and roughly handled as an antiquated reactionary thing that should never find a welcome in free and liberty loving spiritual circles. This extreme attitude however, is generally short-lived. It is contrary to the Scriptures and to the inherent realities in a y spiritual fellowship. Order is basic in any movement of God, whether or not the people are aware that anyone is holding the reins.

Anointed shepherds who lead a n d feed the flock are God's duly authorized overseers, to set in order a scriptural pattern for worship and business procedure. Whatever form this simple arrangement may take, it adds up to organized and recognized authority in the House of God.

This principle solidly based on Scriptural precept and precedent is clearly defined and firmly established in our General Council fellowship. Yet in my humble opinion we owe to the responsible ministry in our movement, a continuing effort to build them into their God-ordained place in the thought patterns of the people. More intensive thinking by more and more people would result in more general respect and honor being given to the pastoral office.

Elders cannot abdicate their responsibility to rule and to rule well. Neither can they function acceptably in this sphere except as they truly represent the Great Shepherd of Souls who was meek and lowly in heart. Since all authority in the Church comes through nail-scarred hands, we most certainly can agree that management in general and problems of discipline in particular, should be approached in the spirit of meekness, and in that wisdom which is from above.

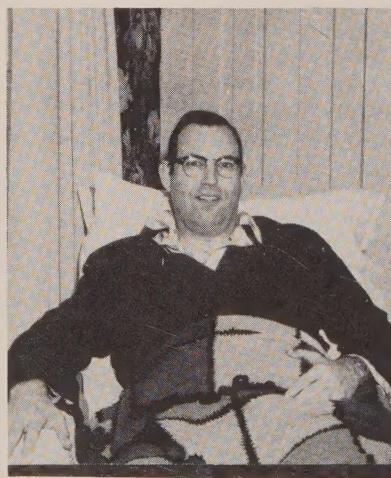
The early Church, under direct leadership of the Apostles, soon found

it necessary to broaden the base of Church administration. Seven men were to be selected to assume this responsibility and three essential requisites were laid down. First, they were to be men of good report. The reason for this is too obvious to require comment. Second, they were to look for men "*full of the Holy Ghost*" and third, they must also be full of wisdom. The contemporary church-world is inclined to go easy on this second stipulation and to bear down heavy on the third. This tragic error through the years has given self-sufficient, worldly-wise men strong influence in the one organization in the world which is supposed to be first of all spiritual in nature. When spiritual standards are not required eventually they may not even be desired.

We, on the other hand, have strongly emphasized that all administrative officers must be filled with the Spirit. We have not always been too careful, however, about whether or not these spiritual men were full of wisdom. We will do well to overhaul our thinking at this point.

It should not be necessary to point here to the great disparity that exists between "*the wisdom of God in a mystery*" and "*the wisdom of this world which cometh to naught.*" On the other hand, we might insist that emotionalism in itself may bear but slight resemblance to genuine spirituality. I must leave you to fill in the outline.

Pray for Brother Haystead



■ Sister Viola N. Griggs, formerly pastor of the Full Gospel Church at Santa Rosa has announced that she is now open for evangelistic calls. She may be contacted at: 630 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

It will be clear to those who have had general experience in such matters that most of the unpleasant, peace-disturbing tempests that appear on some church horizons at intervals and sometimes linger to try the patience and test the perseverance of saints, spring not from the dark corridors of the naughty hearts on the outer fringes of the Church, but rather from the childish maneuvers of small minds near the center.

The following brief summation will suffice: The power and grace of the Spirit plus heaven-inspired wisdom in the hearts and heads of men who are pillars in the church will together with the anointed overseer prove a working church council that will find the answer to all problems of local church government. How we need good men, right in spirit and balanced in judgment who can, and will, assist in carrying for the ever mounting complexities of a growing church fellowship, and be at all times a bulwark of strength to the Pastor and all who labour with him in serving the spiritual needs of the community!

Finally, Brethren, let us go on with militant tread to meet the challenge of this crucial end-time period, holding high the torch of truth that was passed to us, watching, praying, and hoping that we shall never be inclined to lean on the arm of flesh but will with steadfast devotion, keep our faith in the power of God. Amen.

For several weeks now, the people of our District have stood together in prayer on behalf of our Assistant Superintendent, Brother Kenneth M. Haystead, who, in January, developed a serious heart condition. As the picture shows, God is answering prayer and our Brother is able to engage briefly in quiet activities. He is steadily showing improvement and each day he finds himself with a little additional strength.

Our people are asked to continue in prayer on behalf of Brother Haystead that he might be made wholly well and kept in health in days ahead. We need his ministry in our District and he needs our prayers that he might be strengthened so as to continue to serve.

■ Sunnyvale's radio program will be on the air three times a week instead of five. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:05 A. M. over station KEEN San Jose. — First Assembly of God, Edward R. Gomes, pastor and director.

MISSIONS: Home and Foreign

This month we present our missionary news in the accompanying picture spread. For the most part we have included those fields and missionaries from whom we have had recent word.

■ Glen and Ruth McCollister are at the city of Wailuku on the Island of Maui (Territory of Hawaii). They pastor an assembly with about 40 in attendance, conduct released time religious education classes in the elementary and high schools, teach a Sunday school worker's training course, and conduct a 15 minute radio broadcast. Brother McCollister is the C. A. chairman of Maui Island.

■ Sister Bernice Procter, also on the Island of Maui, in the city of Puunene, tells of blessings and victory there. Sister Procter's main handicap is the lack of an assistant, but notwithstanding, her work continues to press onward.

■ The Lawrence Borsts of Suva, the Fiji Islands, tell of being spared in a great tidal wave that swept the island. They report that this catastrophe of nature has so impressed some Hindus that they now are much more open to the Gospel witness. The Borsts were especially grateful for gifts of literature which they had re-

ceived from the homeland and which they had been able to distribute to the people.

■ The Arthur Lindvalls of El Salvador report a recent baptismal service with 18 candidates. Some of these new Christians had had striking conversions, and were outstanding testimonies to the saving power of the Gospel. The work in El Salvador is being especially prospered through the ministry of graduates of the Bible School in that land.

■ The Bernard Johnsons were planning to return to California in the latter part of February and they may now be contacted at: P. O. Box 423, Half Moon Bay, California.



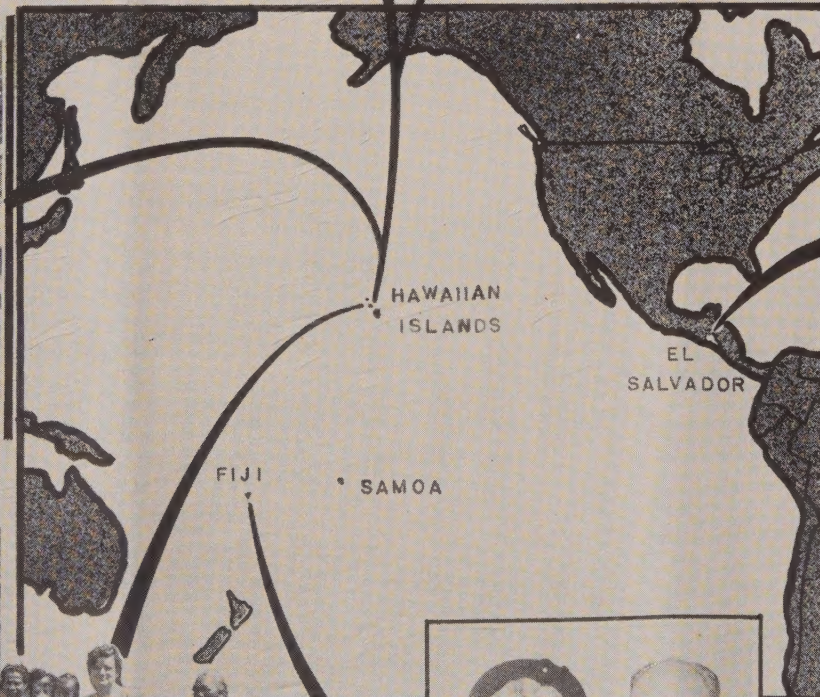
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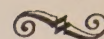
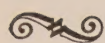


THE LAWRENCE BORSTS

THIS MONTH'S:

MISSIONS
AND
MISSIONARIES

(LH)



1000 MORE IN '54

by

FERNE H. MURRAY

We are all becoming thoroughly familiar with the slogan: "1000 more in '54" which our C. A. leaders are promoting. It is to be hoped that before this year is done, this worthy goal may have been reached.

How many is 1,000? The answer can only be derived by comparison. One thousand in Sunday school, for most of our churches, would be a large number. (Wouldn't we be glad to report it to the *Sunday School Counselor!*) However, 1,000 people in the Los Angeles Memorial Stadium would be a pitifully small number.

One thousand more C. A.'s in 1954 — is the number large or small? It would be large if any one of our churches, or even one of our sections had to gain the entire 1,000. But looking at the goal through a telescopic vision of the District as a whole, including all 15 sections, we find such

a goal not too large as to be out of reach. I believe we can add "1000 more in '54."

There are now 3,500 C. A.'s in our District. This fact means that we already have 7 C. A.'s for every 2 we wish to gain. Five hundred teams with each team going after 2 unreached young people would make the task not only plausible, but pleasurable.

Of course it is true that we will not succeed if we do not all participate. *Teamwork* and *cooperation* must continue to be words with which every C. A. is familiar. Who ever heard of a football or baseball team winning a game if only the captain played? Neither will we reach our objective if the game is left to our presidents alone.

Christ admonished the servant in the parable of the Great Supper in



FERNE H. MURRAY

Luke 14:23 to "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Many unreached young people will never hear the message that will transform them from creatures of darkness to "sons of the Light," unless we who "walk in the Light" use a little of the "compelling force" of which Christ spoke.

Let us throughout the District take inventory of our local groups and determine our proportionate share of the goal. After prayer and discussion of possible prospects let us begin our "compelling" by use of the telephone, post cards, letters, and personal invitations. With seven on a team there will be a member to contact prospects each day of the week!

Recently, I heard of a man who found Christ as his Savior while away from home visiting his mother. When he returned to his home town he promptly joined the church, but he could not resist pronouncing this indictment: "I have lived here for 20 years and no one ever invited me to church."

It appears that half-filled C. A. chapels, churches and Sunday school are caused by the sin of indifference. The invitation from the Master, "Come, for all things are now ready," is soon to be sounded, and Luke 14:22 says, "Yet there is room!" There is room for our friends and acquaintances, room for teen-ages that know not the Giver of the Great Supper room for those who have dropped out due to indifferent church members.

As Christ's Ambassadors of Northern California let us accept the challenge and begin the task that leads us to the highways and hedges!



A NEW GROUP:

SOME OF THE 1000



It was a distinct pleasure for the C. A. President recently to set in order the C. A. group of Wayside Chapel of Livermore. There are 23 charter members in this thriving group including: Lawrence Walton, President; Lennie Massey, Vice-President; Eulaine Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer; Eileen Walton, Song Leader; and Doris Walker, Pianist. The group meets each Sunday evening at 6:30.

Wayside Chapel was founded in 1939 by the present pastors, Brother and Sister Carl T. Carlin. In the course of the years, two chapels have been erected, and at present, the older, original building serves as the C. A. chapel. The assembly as a whole is progressing nicely, and the Sunday school averages about 125.

The C. A.'s are known for their fine spiritual devotion and their faithful participation in prayer and worship services. The relation of the C. A. group to the rest of the church program is consistently most cordial. At present the group is sponsoring a program to purchase new song books for the chapel.

In addition to the officers already mentioned, the following is the membership of the group: Dale Anderson, Lois Anderson, Helen Bunyard, Mildred Bunyard, Helen Burch, Darlene Burrow, Bobby Casey, Betty Clemons, Margret Davis, Nellie Draffen, Margaret Gamble, James Garrison, Lena Garrison, Alberta Flowers, Carmen Rodriguez, Dorothy Smart, Maxine Smart, and Paul Weimer.

News you've waited for...

ONE-EIGHT CRUSADE!

National C. A. Day, April 25, will usher in the "Christian Atomic Age" for C. A.'s across America. In a bold stroke to reach eight million people with the gospel by 1955, C. A.'s are starting a chain reaction of witnessing.

TRACTS

The plan is simple — as basic as the atom. A small and colorful salvation tract is being prepared, just for the Crusade. *One* C. A. will give out *eight* tracts each week. That's the One-Eight Crusade — so simple every group can start the "chain reaction" in its community!

ACTS 1:8

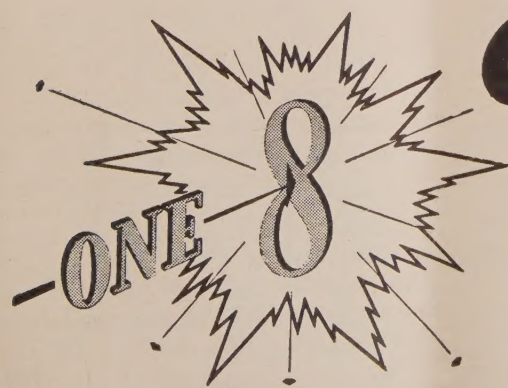
But just as unlocking the power of the unseen atom has changed our world, so Christian Atomics may well change *your* life. The basis for the whole program is Acts 1:8 "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*"

NOTICE -- PASTORS AND C. A. LEADERS

One-Eight will provide further objectives on local, district, and national levels. Limited local training programs, youth camps, special revival campaigns, Speed-the-Light — all will be super-charged by this Christian Atomic!

To save precious materials lost in duplication and bulk mailings, the National C. A. Department is sending all our churches a C. A. Day Advance Order Blank. If you want the unusual materials for starting the One-Eight Crusade in your church, be sure to fill in your C. A. Day Advance Order Blank and return it immediately. As an example of just one of this year's distinctly different items, a handsome tract wallet, with One-Eight membership identification and tiny check-up calendar, is available free for each of your C. A.'s if you order it on the C. A. Day Advance Order Blank. If this order blank is not received by March 15, write the National C. A. Department, Springfield, Missouri.

The educated man who lacks character labors under a heavier handicap than the uneducated man who has integrity. — Selected.



CHRISTIAN ATOMICS

A NEW MEANING
FOR C. A.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

WORKERS' TRAINING IN MODESTO

by

DONALD G. WESTON

Modesto was the scene of one of the largest and most successful Sunday School Teacher Training Institutes ever held in Northern California on January 18-23, 1954.

Directed and planned by Rev. L. W. Suter, Northern California and Nevada District Council Director of Christian Education, and Rev. George Elrod, pastor of Community Full Gospel Church of Modesto and Sectional Sunday School Representative, it was evident from the first session that something big and something unusual was underway! The blessing of God rested upon the sessions each evening as an average of 255 people, interested in Sunday School work, set aside everything else and concentrated on Spiritual education for the task ahead in 1954. A total of 311 people felt the burden of greater need in Christian Training and enrolled, attending every class they could.

In every one of the five nights, in the opening session, the anointing of the Holy Spirit was present as Brother Suter conducted the general session of lecture and study. Then as the session divided into the respective departments, and round table discussion it seemed that the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit was so personal and the multiplied gifts of the Holy Spirit were in evidence: wisdom, knowledge, discernment and the various other manifestations of gifts and fruits. An offering of \$235.76 was given to cover the expenses of the course.

Two hundred and twenty-three finished the full course and passed the various examinations and were presented their diplomas on the great Graduation Night! What a night to be remembered! A great fellowship and kinship was born between the folk attending, and the various 17 participating churches co-mingled and there were shouts of joy, tears of blessing and a deep appreciation for each other.

Rev. Raymond Aderholt was the Host Pastor, and what a genial host he was! The folk of the Tabernacle at 6th and G were so friendly, and they opened their beautiful new Sunday

School addition to the use of the whole convention — then in true Modesto fashion, they refused even a penny for their cost of operation! Thank you good people! You can surely be proud of your educational department; we all envy it and you.

Brother Suter and Brother Elrod worked hard, planned a good conference and then executed it in a prompt and efficient manner. Every one spoke of the tremendous amount of good accomplished. Yes, Modesto is looking forward to another such Convention.

The instructors of the various departmental classes who gave so generously of their time, experience, and energy, were:

Cradle Roll Department — Mrs. Phyllis Brown, Turlock.

Nursery Department — Mrs. J. W. Sandlin, Modesto.

Beginner Department — Rev. Edwin Cole, Sonora.

Primary Department — Mrs. Berger Knutsen, Turlock.

Junior Department — Rev. Don Merrill, Riverbank.

Intermediate Department — Rev. Forrest Childs, Patterson.

Senior Department — Mrs. Peggy Taylor, Modesto.

Young Peoples' Department — Rev. Robert Carrington, Turlock.

Adult Department — Rev. Donald G. Weston, Modesto.

Men's Bible Class — Rev. Earl Davis, Ceres.

Extension Department — Rev. George Elrod, Modesto.

Administration and Organization — Rev. L. W. Suter, Santa Cruz.

We say thanks to every one of these workers for a job well done!

THE FAITH OF A CHRISTIAN

The faith of the Christian is lofty and high,

Like a mountainous column of cloud;

Though dwelling on earth, it has roots in the sky,

And is never defeated nor bowed.

WATCH THIS
COLUMN
NEXT MONTH!

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Area-Wide Training Courses for the Month of March

SANTA CRUZ (First Assembly)

March 1 - 5

YUBA CITY

March 8 - 12

MADERA (First Assembly)

March 15 - 19



The following courses of study will be used in each of these training courses:

Cradle Roll Department
Extension Department
Nursery Department
Beginner Department
Primary Department
Junior Department
Intermediate Department
Senior Department
Young Peoples' Department
Adult Department
Men's Bible Class
Administration and Organization

The Transformation

LYLE W. CORSAW

When the Lord first looked upon Simon, he saw him as he was. In that look the Lord penetrated the depths of his soul and saw the story of his life, both good and evil. "Thou art Simon," he said, but that was not all. Jesus not only saw Simon as he was but he saw the possibilities that were in him, all that he might become. Now Simon was only a rough fisherman; at this time he was unrefined, without ability, power or influence and full of faults. None of the companions or neighbors saw any promise of greatness nor did they dream of the future he had. Only Jesus saw all the old fisherman might become in the years ahead.



LYLE W. CORSAW

It is said that in an art gallery in Europe there hang side by side: Rembrandt's first picture, a simple sketch, imperfect and faulty, and his great masterpiece which all men admire. So in the two names Simon and Peter we have first the rude fisherman who came to Jesus that day, the man as he was before Jesus touched his life and began his work on him and second, the man he became during the years, when the friendship of Jesus warmed his heart and enriched his life and when the teaching of Jesus made him to be one of the chief pillars of the church.

When Jesus said, "Thou shalt be called Cephas," he did not mean that the transformation would take place immediately. He did not at once become Cephas. That was the man into whom he would grow through the years under Christ's tuition and training. Now he was only Simon, rash, impulsive, self-confident, weak and unstable. "Thou shalt be Peter, a stone."

If Simon had not come to Jesus and benefited by his love, understanding,

regeneration and teaching he would have never been anything but a rough, swearing fisherman, catching fish for a few years in the Sea of Galilee, then dying, unhonored in an unmarked grave by the sea. But today Peter is a powerful influence on countless millions all because Jesus found him and became his friend.

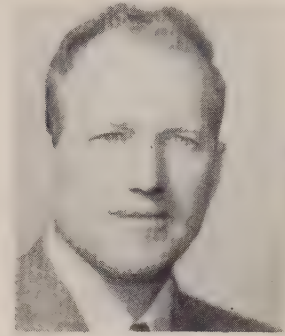
And then, the possibilities which Jesus sees in our lives and which he is able to bring to pass should give life a new meaning to us. "Thou shalt be Peter." We shall not always be poor fishermen. Some day we too shall have attained the goal Christ has set for our lives. It is true, Jesus sees us as we are with imperfections, blemishes and blots, but he sees also the possibilities that lie under these faults. Basically mankind classifies himself as a lowly worm, with no destiny or hope. But we are not worms but immortal beings who are heirs to heaven. This is the vision that brings us new life.

All life is a school and the experiences of each day contain lessons which if properly learned will bring out beauty and glory in our lives. Just plain living with its joy and sorrow, poverty and wealth, success and failure, works for the purpose Christ has for our lives. All things work together for good to those that love the Lord. All things work together for the ultimate salvation of those that love the Lord is an excellent translation. All of life has its place in bringing out the possibilities Christ sees in us when we first come to Him.

There is a constant danger which must be recognized. In pressing toward this new way and new name, there is danger in falling back to the old. "Satan hath desired to have thee . . . Simon, sleepest thou?" But Jesus answers, "I have prayed for thee that thou fail not." And now Christ is at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. "Thou art Simon . . . thou shalt be Cephas." The invitation is given to the sinner, new convert and struggling Christian: "Come and enter into Christ's school." You may be weak now, but THOU SHALT BE . . . kings and priests unto God, joint heirs to the throne, a member of the bride of Christ and a recipient of eternal blessing and reward. With this knowledge rekindled in our thinking, let us press on toward "the transformation."

Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



KENNETH R. CARNEY

Brother Kenneth R. Carney divides his time between being Presbyter of the Lassen-Plumas Section and pastoring the Assembly of God Church in Susanville. He has been a Presbyter for some two years, and has pastored in Susanville for five. Brother Carney was converted about twenty-five years ago and he has been in the ministry since 1935.

The activities in which Brother Carney has engaged in his Christian ministry have included: directing church orchestras, assisting in and conducting revival meetings, pioneer pastoral work, and pastoring established churches. Before he settled at Susanville, he had ministered in one capacity or another in Colorado, both Northern and Southern California, Oregon, and Washington. The pastorate at Susanville has included, in addition to the regular services, hospital services, jail and street meetings, and a radio program.

In many of his activities, Brother Carney is ably assisted by his wife, who also is an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. In addition, Sister Carney holds regular teaching credentials and has taught both in Christian and public schools.

Brother Carney is known and respected for his enthusiastic, vigorous, hearty Christian life. He is a man of enduring perseverance and intense vigor. His church parsonage is the center for all manner of youth gatherings and often-times there are those who come to inquire about spiritual matters. We admire a man who has the respect of his fellow Christians, but we admire that much more a man, such as Brother Carney, who has, through his wholesome, enthusiastic life for God, won the respect and esteem of his entire community.

HERE AND THERE

BOONVILLE — This Assembly was host to the Lake-Mendocino Section for their monthly Fellowship meeting. A reporter comments, "We had a wonderful day of fellowship and blessing. Pastor J. R. Edgar of Ukiah spoke in the afternoon and Pastor George Hunter of Guerneville spoke in the evening. We prayed unitedly for Brother Haystead and trust he has a speedy recovery." The Home Missions Offering received in the meeting totaled \$28.90.

CAMINO — The new pastors of this Assembly are Lewis and Lenore Wilson who succeed Pastor Ira Tompkins. The Wilsons had gone to Camino in evangelistic meetings. However, with the retirement of Brother Tompkins, they accepted the invitation to fill permanently the pulpit of this assembly.

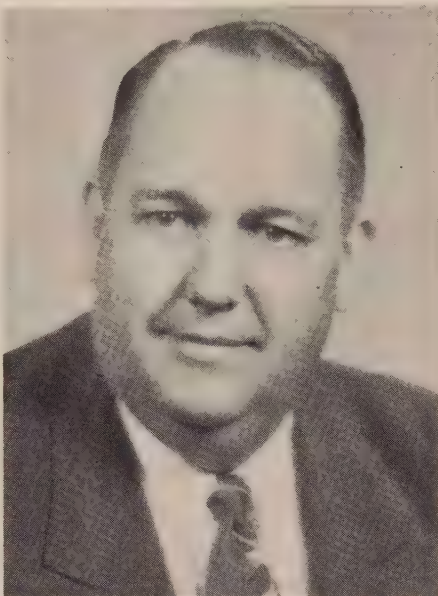
CASTRO VALLEY — This Assembly was stirred and encouraged recently by the one-night ministry of Sister Inez Sturgeon of Oakland. One received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Also, the assembly has been greatly blessed recently through a worker's training program conducted by Pastor James Swanson of Hayward.

COTATI — Pastor Henry McMilin writes of blessings in this Assembly with an increase in Sunday School attendance and gratifying numbers in all of the services. The assembly has recently been able to organize a C. A. department and prospects for the future are uniformly encouraging.

CUPERTINO — A report from Pastor Eugene Lawrence tells of a revival under Walter Hartman Smith which was an outstanding blessing to this Assembly. A number were saved, several were healed, and the entire assembly was blessed and refreshed so that the attendance was most encouraging. The pastor reports that Brother Smith's vigorous anointed ministry has left its mark for good upon the Cupertino Assembly.

GRIDLEY — Pastor Walter Trombo reports a splendid revival under the ministry of Ross and Iverna Lamb. There were 15 who were filled with the Holy Spirit and about 25 refilled. Several made their peace with God. Comments Pastor Trombo of the Lamb's ministry, "They build faith among all ages in the church."

LOS BANOS — This Assembly, pastored by Thomas Ming, recently was host to the South San Joaquin Fellowship Meeting. The church was



EVANGELIST J. B. HOSIER who has been having some splendid revivals in our District. He comes to us from Iowa where he has ministered for many years, and even now, by transcription is still carrying a daily radio broadcast.

well filled for both afternoon and evening service. In the afternoon, Pastor Wesley of Patterson brought the message, while in the evening Pastor Merwin of Hollister was the speaker. There was a large representation of ministers present, and in general a sweet spirit of fellowship both between the brethren and with the Lord.

MODESTO (Bethel Church) — Pastor Donald G. Weston reports a very profitable revival at Modesto under the ministry of Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb. At the time that Brother Weston wrote some ten had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and he reported that over sixty

had been wonderfully refilled and granted a new measure of victory in God. Comments the pastor, "The Lambs do not ride a hobby, nor do they have any eccentricities, but in a humble constructive way, they go to work in your church . . . preaching, doing personal work, and leading the people into the fuller life. Their ministry is well balanced by the Word of God."

MONTAGUE — The Shasta Section Fellowship Meeting held in this assembly in January, proved to be a great blessing and a time of awareness of the presence of the Lord. Brother Rowley, the retiring Presbyterian, brought the afternoon message on the subject "The Fire and the Rain." Brother Ayers the newly electer Presbyterian was the evening speaker with a message on "Faithful Stewardship." During the evening service, a special offering was taken to purchase a gift for Brother Rowley in appreciation of his labors as Presbyterian for the past four years. The pastor at Montague is Leonard Couchman.

SALINAS — A recent report from this Assembly declared, "God is moving in the greatest way I have ever seen Him move. We are in our fourth week of revival now, souls are finding Christ each night. Many are receiving the Holy Spirit. Keep up on your heart in prayer." The meeting is being conducted by Sister Mae Dell Darden, with A. K. Davis the pastor.

SAN ANDREAS — Pastor Carroll Halloway reports progress and blessing in this Assembly. During the past year, there were some fifteen saved and ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School grew from an average of 25 to an average of 40. The congregation was able to renovate their building on the outside, now they are looking to completing the inside. The Assembly is especially blessed with a very fine group of young people. There is a general spirit of good will and cooperation on the part of each one.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — The assembly has announced a bond drive for the week of March 8. These bonds are issued by the church in order to finance their building program, but they are of interest to all Christians with money to invest.

SANTA CRUZ (Bethany Park Church) — In order that he may devote more time to *Glad Tidings Magazine*, Pastor Leslie T. Holdcroft has resigned this work. The congregation has extended a call to Brother Forrest M. Beiser who is one of the teachers of Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

Fellowship Meetings

MARCH:

- 8 — Rodeo, Willits
- 15 — Lovelock
- 16 — Dunsmuir
- 2 — Gustine, Chico

APRIL:

- 12 — Concord, Kelseyville
- 20 — Burney
- 26 — Merced, Central Valley

Personal Mention

Our District missionaries, the FLOYD THOMAS', sailed from New York in February and were due to arrive at Gold Coast, West Africa, on March 9. Their address on the field will be: P. O. Box 43, Tamale, N. T's. Gold Coast, West Africa. A card or a letter to these good missionaries at this time would undoubtedly be a great encouragement to them as they take up activities anew on the mission field.

Evangelist E. H. SHERRATT reports: "We are in a great revival here at La Salle. We will start our fifth week on Sunday. Souls are being saved, believers baptized with the Holy Spirit and the sick healed, for which we praise God."

The ERNEST SJOBERGS, formerly faculty members at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, have reported that their address is now: 182 Rizal Street, Angeles, Pampanga, P. I. They have started a Christian Center in the town of Angeles and within a few weeks have built a Sunday school attendance of over 100, and have found prospects for the future most encouraging.

Missionaries to the Philippines, CALVIN and OLIVE ZEISSLER have written most cheerfully of their ordeals and trials as new missionaries and of their joy in being active in their missionary life. Comments Calvin, "We get very good bread. In fact, I like it much better than what we get at home. To me it seems to have a lot more flavor to it — I don't know what flavors it — you draw your own conclusions!"

Evangelists FLORENCE BOUCHER and CORA RICHMOND tell of a very successful revival in the Southern District and report that their address is now: 7204 Coast Highway, Newport Beach, California.

A brief report from the EVANGELAIRES (Earl and Hazel Gould, Stephen Asmuth, Eddie Kramer) tells of blessings in their meetings in Oregon. They comment, "The Lord has wonderfully saved a number of souls, and filled and refilled believers, for which we praise Him."

WITH THE LORD

On February 3, 1954, Sister Maude M. Dornbos, formerly a missionary to India and of late a resident of Oakland, passed on to be with the Lord. The funeral was held on Monday, February 8, with Pastor Oliver L. Foth of Calvary Temple officiating.



Pictured above is our Assembly of God Church at Biggs, California. This building, and a good part of the congregation at Biggs, are the fruits of the labors of Pastor Ted C. Parker who for some three and one-half years was pastor of this Assembly, but who recently announced his resignation. When Brother Parker came to Biggs in 1950, the congregation had no building of its own but was meeting in the portable tabernacle owned by the District.

Work on the permanent building was begun in the fall of 1950, and in a very short time it was ready for occupancy. The building is nicely finished both within and without, and is most adequate for the congregation. The main auditorium seats 138 and the balcony about 60. The platform includes space for both choir and orchestra and has a baptistry. In the rear of the building there are 4 Sunday school rooms, with a folding door

arrangement so that the space may be used as a C. A. chapel or prayer room. The building also contains rest rooms, a nursery, and the pastor's study.

The Sunday school at Biggs has grown from an average of 53 in 1951 to 93 in 1953 and it is rated as a Gold Crown school. There is a fine Sunday school staff, and the workers have achieved enviable records in their attendance at worker's training programs. The C. A. Department is thriving, and in addition to regular activities in the church, they sponsor a weekly prayer meeting in the local high school. The WMC meets regularly and does its part for the work of the kingdom.

The Assembly is indeed grateful to Brother Parker for his fine spiritual ministry among them, and likewise for his faithful and competent labors in the construction of the church.

—Photo courtesy Jack McHugh's Photo Center.



New students at Glad Tidings Bible Institute who enrolled for the spring semester. Sixteen are pictured and at least two were absent. The total enrollment is 143.

The Past Is Before Us

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There is only one means of deliverance from the future reckoning of a past that haunts now or will condemn at the day of settlement. There is only one way of erasing the past from facing us at the time that counts for eternity. Only He can blot out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions and thy sins. (Isa. 44:22). Peter, accusing the Jews on Solomon's porch in the Temple of the death of Jesus, preached repentance and conversion "that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19).

TODAY IS TOMORROW'S
PAST

We do well to be careful what we permit to go onto the record. Jesus said to the man healed from thirty-eight years of affliction, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." (John 5:14). His word that bade that lame man rise after so many years beside the Pool of Bethesda enabled him to take up his bed and walk. His word to sin no more was just as enabling. As the man had to will to walk after being enabled to do so; so he would have to will to sin no more on the basis of the enabling of Christ. The word of His authority is as valid today.

May we be careful that the record is clean, all sin blotted out by "Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." (Rev. 1:5). It is not enough to be good — we should be good for something. May there be on our record in that day of reckoning the account of something done for Christ in the course of daily living, that it may be said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



One for this pile, one for that — one for this, one for that. . . So went the thoughts of Louis Pasteur as he separated the tiny crystals of sugar from the central pile before him. He had just come upon a remarkable discovery; a pure dextrose sugar solution will polarize light — so will pure levulose . . . but a mixture will not, and it was this fact that led Pasteur painstakingly to separate the mixed crystals. A chemical analysis told him that each was made up of identical quantities of identical elements. What was the difference between the two? Was there even a difference? Why was one sweeter than the other?

He must find out.

DISCOVERY OF THE "MIRROR-IMAGE"
OR INVERSION OF THE SUBSTANCE
OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS

And find out he did. He discovered that levulose was a mirror image of

LEFT-HANDED SUGAR!

by

STANLEY MILLER

*This article may be somewhat technical
but it strikingly presents
a spiritual truth.*

dextrose. Naturally then, they were alike in makeup, but opposite in arrangement. A water solution of each would polarize light. (That is to say, to filter all light passing through it, except light in one plane.) but in opposite directions, so that if both were present in the mixture the polarization would be cancelled.

Since Pasteur's discovery of these mirror image sugars, levulose and dextrose (which mean: left-handed and right-handed), scientists have discovered many more compounds that are inversions; but here is the startling fact — Not one of these inversions, or mirror-images, are natural occurrence, but all are found in synthetic materials of man's own engineering!

EFFECTIVENESS OF "RIGHT-HANDED
AND LEFT-HANDED" DRUGS

A group of doctors was experimenting with the new sulfa drugs and antibiotics. They observed that the synthetic drugs must be administered in doses just twice as large as for the natural drugs. Wondering why, they checked the synthetics and discovered that half of the material was in a left-hand shape, all the naturally formed material was in a right hand shape. The left-handed drug, even though made up of the same stuff as the right-handed, was completely ineffective as a germ killer, as the germs were unaffected by its presence.

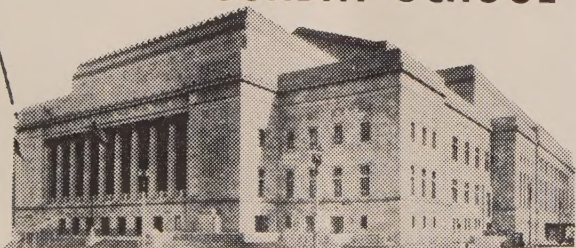
ALL CREATION IS
"RIGHT-HANDED"

A further check into other things about us shows us that the entire universe is put together in a right hand fashion — in a manner so that each part is in harmony with every other part. What a sublime argument this

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION



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MARCH 30—APRIL 2, 1954

SET YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

A ROYAL BAND

by

INEZ STURGEON

It is always the same go where you will among our churches — to open the door of any Women's Missionary Council Room on meeting day is to be greeted by an almost overpowering feeling of "BUSY-NESS." The whirring of sewing machines, the crunching of scissors through the material on the cutting tables, the swish of hot irons in use and the click of knitting needles, all come to meet you.

We step into the room and stop at a table where some are tearing strips from old sheets and rolling them into bandages that will bring relief to a poor leper in the land of Africa. The lady at one sewing machine tells us that she is making a little shirt that will be worn in Japan. At the ironing board there is held up for our view a pretty blouse in the process of being pressed to send to a home missionary in the mountains of California. Over here the last finishing touches are being put on a dainty set of baby clothes that will make a mother's heart glad in the Philippines. An elderly lady sitting in a rocking chair looks up with a smile from crocheting a rag rug which will find its way to a bedside in a mission home in Alaska.

At a cupboard marked, "Prophet's Chamber" one member is placing

fresh linens that have been laundered since the last itinerating missionary found a nice clean room in which to rest. Another reports to the president that the evangelist's apartment is clean and ready for occupancy by the incoming evangelist. We stop by the side of two women who are stenciling and painting a beautiful swan among water lilies on a towel set which will make the heart of the missionary in South America thrill with joy at its soft loveliness.

One could go on and on to enumerate the "doings" of our WMC groups. But for a complete enumerative one would have to multiply the things accomplished by the number of the ladies present and the number of churches who have these working groups in them. The whole world

meets in each of our churches on every Women's Missionary Council day. The north, east, south and west clasp hands over the flying fingers of our ladies as they do the work of the Lord for all the ends of the earth.

There is still a great and noble army of women attached to Christ by personal love and ministry. And I use the word "ministry" in its fullest meaning — a pity for the weak, compassion in caring for the suffering, extended mercy for the downtrodden, and a vision of doing the small but very important tasks which lie on the fringes of the work of the Lord. It has been well said, "Women have the finest heads, and hearts and hands and tongues for usefulness in the world."

We have among us a group to whom we can definitely give Paul's eulogy of Phoebe —

"OUR SISTER"

"WHICH IS A SERVANT OF THE CHURCH"

"HATH BEEN A SUCCOURER OF MANY"

The Women's Missionary Council is one of Heaven's Royal Bands.

MINISTRY OF THE WMC

by

EDITH WHIPPLE

NATIONAL SECRETARY

The WMC may be said to be His witnesses "*both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8).

OUR JERUSALEM

Jerusalem represents the local church in its influence for Christ in the community. Charity, or service of love, begins at home. Not only are our missionaries rising up to call the woman of the WMC blessed, but our pastors eagerly express their grateful appreciation to the woman of the church who earnestly intercede for the lost, and who pray with seekers at the altar. Members of the WMC are witnessing to the unsaved, and bringing them to church, ministering in hospitals and jails, caring for shut-ins, and helping all who are in need.

OUR JUDEA

Our realm of service reaches out beyond our own local interests. Our WMC groups are bringing in pennies to amount to thousands of dollars, and with this fund they are financing the opening and establishing of pioneer churches. WMC groups are pro-

viding Sunday school literature, and teaching in Sunday schools in new works. They are helping to organize a WMC group in neighboring churches so that every assembly may benefit by the WMC. They have served the Bible schools of our fellowship with furnishings, bedding, linens and decorations.

OUR SAMARIA

One of the greatest fields of service of the WMC is that of the Five children's homes in Alaska and our National Children's Home here in the States. Those in Alaska receive considerable help from the WMC, and those in our National Home are clothed almost entirely by the WMC. Our retirement home in Florida for elderly ministers and missionaries has also benefitted substantially from the work of the WMC.

UTTERMOST PART

Here we view our largest and most far-flung field — our vast foreign missions field. The greatest need is for intercessory prayer: prayer both for the souls of the heathen and for our missionaries in their labors.



GOLDIA ANDERSON, our District WMC President.

CURRENT SIGNS

Physicians Support Religion

In Toledo the president of The American Medical Association told a religious conference that religion is as important to the physician as is a knowledge of physiology and therapy. Dr. E. J. McCormick of Toledo, added that physicians must not only be concerned with the body but also with the soul.

Billy Graham in "Newsweek"

The February 1st issue of *Newsweek* had the picture of Evangelist Billy Graham on the front cover, and carried a story on Billy Graham on five pages in the magazine.

The article went on to say that he has drawn as high as 75,000 people to a single meeting. Thirty-five year old Billy Graham was almost unknown in 1949 and today, almost 5 years later, he has preached to some 8 million persons in giant rallies from coast to coast.

His radio and television adds up to some 10 million regulars. His book entitled *Peace With God* has sold over 130,000 copies and his newspaper column, "My Answer" now appears in 73 papers reaching 15,000,000 people.

It is estimated that there have been some 300,000 decisions made during this period, not counting those made through the influence of the films and his "Hour of Decision," radio and television programs.

The "Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Inc." employs over 200 people. Their annual budget is almost \$2,000,000 exclusive of crusades locally financed. The mailing list is over 700,000. The 1953 cost of radio and television time, mostly on American Broadcasting Co. was \$1,275,000. He normally receives more than 9,000 letters a week and hundreds of phone calls a day.

1,000,000 Delinquents

Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers declared the nation's police will have to deal with 1,000,000 juvenile delinquents in the next 12 months.

Mental Hygiene

Dr. Walter Rapaport, state director of mental hygiene and a witness before the committee said nation wide statistics show it costs \$25,000,000 a year to jail drunks. Preventable accidents involving intoxicated persons, cost \$120,000,000 and public and private relief with alcohol as a cause amounts to \$22,000,000. Yet, he added only \$1,000,000 is spent for research.

Actors Appear at Revival Meetings

A news story from Hollywood reports that Roy Rogers and Dale Evans are passing up \$100,000 by electing to join Evangelist Billy Graham for his two-week revival meeting in London in April instead of playing the Palladium and other European theaters.

Ladies in the Pulpit

An unofficial census shows that there are now 2,869 women pastors in the country and a total of 5,791 women have been officially ordained or licensed to preach. The same survey shows that 77 religious bodies or denominations now ordain women for the ministry. The number, it was stated, is on the increase.

New Mormon Temple

The Mormons recently laid the corner-stone in a new four-million-dollar temple in West Los Angeles, Calif. It will be the largest Mormon temple ever built.

LEFT-HANDED SUGAR

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is against those who say that creation is all "happenstance!"

How can an open minded inquirer fail to see the unifying hand of God which formed the universe and made it coherent as well as cohesive (Col. 1:16, 17) "*All things were created by him and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*"

But the microscopic world of the molecule isn't the end of this remarkable lucidity of creation. Far away on the other end of the scale — the macrocosmic — lie just as many wonders; wonders that led Copernicus to think that the circle was God's symbol of perfection. But that was because Copernicus hadn't the instruments and means of calculation that we today have.

(Psalms 19:1) "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*"

This same portion of Scripture speaks of the perfection of the sun's movement through the universe and compares it with the perfection of God's law, (v. 6, 7) but let us consider the movement of the planets about the sun. The shape this movement takes is nearly circular for all the planets. The earth is the third planet in distance from the sun; there being two yet closer, and six farther

Utah Uses Bible Verse

A Bible quotation on the Golden Rule will be printed on state auto inspection stickers which must be displayed on all Utah automobile windshields in 1954.

The text:

"Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7:12.)

It is a part of a campaign to curb selfish driving habits.

Running To and Fro

"Changing Times" reports 44 million cars as the number now straining the highways of the U. S. In 1954 over five million cars will be made and 3 million will be junked. These plus all the busses and trucks represent a problem that now appears overwhelming.

Liquor Exceeds Education

California, last year, spent \$158,000,000 more to satisfy their thirst for alcoholic beverages than to educate the State's youngsters. Educational expenditures for 1953 were \$580,000,000 while \$738,000,000 was spent on liquor in the state.

out. They all are very nearly arranged according to a mathematical proportion called Bode's law (because the astronomer Bode first calculated it), and if they, together with the sun, were greatly condensed, and laid down upon your kitchen table, they would lie about as flat as a dinner plate. But here is the remarkable fact: The sun is whirling, revolving about itself, and every single planet is moving about the sun and about its own axis in the very same direction as the sun's revolution. And further still, the moons (and most of the planets have one or more moons) of these planets are rotating about the planets in this same direction with but one or two exceptions.

THE ONLY ANSWER TO THESE WONDERS OF THE PERFECTION OF CREATION

What caused this great similarity of motion is such a complex system? The answer can only be — God.

It is God who has worked out the details of our universe so that the tiny, every-day organisms are internally arranged to be naturally right-handed. It is God who ordained the motion of the planets about the sun and the motion of the moons about the planets for a symmetry of movement that could not be chance.

And it is God who can take a crooked life and rearrange it upon the right path and renew within it a right spirit — only God.